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This communication is responsive to the final Office Action dated July 28, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**The Pending Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Applicants request reconsideration based on the following remarks: